



Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry Project

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Mr. Wilson,

I am a concerned citizen of Santa Margarita residing on Highway 58. Although I live far enough from the proposed project site that I may not be impacted by the noise pollution from blasting and noisy semi-trucks, I am concerned about the increased traffic circulation as well as the air pollution due to the stirred up dust by blasting and heavy truck traffic. This area is very close to the Margarita Elementary School and with wind blowing in that direction it could create a health hazard to students and resident of the area. This is known Valley Fever hazard area. To enumerate my concerns; Who is going to pay for the increased wear and subsequent damage to the highway due to increased truck traffic?

How are they going to prevent the town of Santa Margarita from becoming a truck stop similar to those on Interstate 5?

How are they going to prevent the lack of tourism and visitation from bicyclists, motorcyclists and new visitors to the area due to the dangers of too much semi traffic on a highway that was designed for smaller vehicles?

What precautions are they going to take to keep bicyclists safe on the regularly travelled highway?

How are they going to prevent surrounding property values from declining due to the reluctance of people to travel over highway 58 due to the truck traffic?

What precautions are they going to take to prevent the intake of dust particulates to the children of Margarita School?

In closing, I would like to say that I am the owner of two trucks, a motorcycle and a bicycle which I use on a daily basis along Highway 58. Due to the increased truck traffic, I will no longer feel safe in any of my vehicles when traveling that section of the road.

I adamantly oppose this project due to the negative impact it will have to the quaint little town of Santa Margarita and the health hazards that the people near the project will be exposed to.

Sincerely,

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